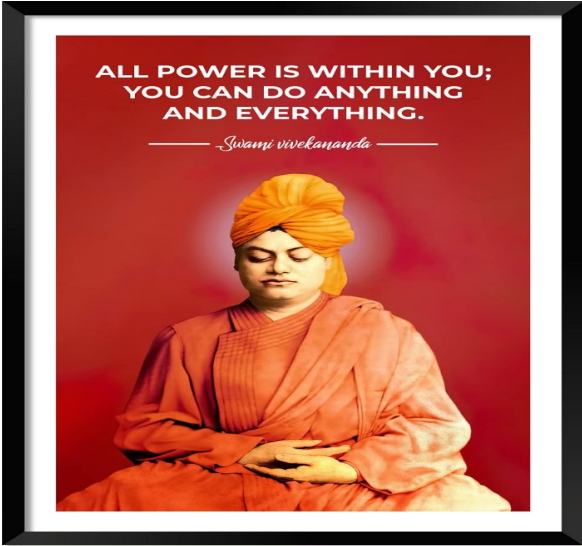
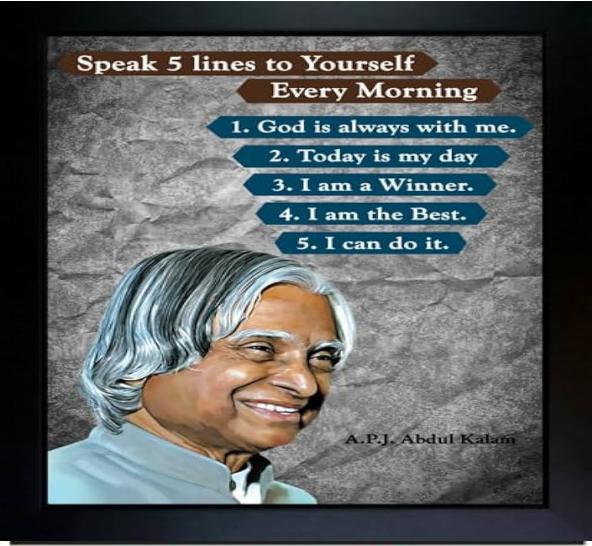




Komatireddy Holds Rachabanda under Banyan Tree, Hears People's Grievances



Hyderabad: Sitting on the platform beneath a sprawling banyan tree, away from the confines of official meetings, Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday held a Rachabanda with the people of Yerragaddala Gudem, listen-

ing patiently to every grievance and suggestion. The interaction reflected a governance model that prioritizes accessibility and direct public engagement. Villagers openly shared their concerns on local development, infrastructure, and civic issues, while the

Minister assured them of prompt action and effective solutions. The Rachabanda served as a bridge between the Government and the people, reinforcing the belief that the best decisions are made by listening directly to citizens at their doorstep

PM Modi Honoured With Bobbili Ekanda Veena

Vizianagaram: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed heartfelt gratitude to the artisans of Andhra Pradesh after receiving an exquisitely handcrafted Bobbili Ekanda Veena. The Prime Minister was presented with the traditional instrument during his visit to inaugurate the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport in Bhogapuram. One may recollect that Chandrababu Naidu had gifted the Bobbili Veena to former US president Bill Clinton during the latter's visit to Hyderabad in the



year 2000. Also Read - Chain Snatcher Held Within Hours in Tirumala The Bobbili Veena is also a Saraswati Veena and is celebrated for its fine tone, intricate craftsmanship and deep connection with

the cultural history of North Andhra. Each professional veena is painstakingly handcrafted by artisans belonging to families that have preserved the skill for generations in the Gollapalli and

Vadada villages near Bobbili. The process generally takes between 20 and 25 days, with craftsmen working for nearly eight hours daily. Also Read - India's Aviation Sector Sees Extraordinary Progress, Number of Airports Surge to 166: Modi Jackfruit wood is considered ideal for making the instrument because it is light, durable, and strong. Its distinctive grain also helps produce the desired swara, or tonal quality. Unlike instruments assembled from several wooden sections,

the Bobbili Veena is carved largely from a single piece of wood. This construction gives it the name Ekandi Veena. The craft is believed to have developed under the patronage of the Bobbili royal family popular known as the Bobbili Samsthanam. The Sarwasiddi artisan community played a central role in preserving and developing the craft. Their knowledge was passed from one generation to another, helping the Bobbili changing musical tastes and declining demand for handmade instruments.

Amit Shah Presents Lokmanya Tilak National Award to NSA Ajit Doval



Pune: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday presented the Lokmanya Tilak National Award to National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval in Pune. According to the Tilak Smarak Trust, Doval has been selected for the prestigious award for his significant contribution to national security. Doval, 81, has

handled crucial assignments in sensitive regions, including Mizoram, Sikkim, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. He also served in diplomatic roles at Indian missions in Islamabad and London. Also Read - PM Modi Inaugurates Viveka Smaraka at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram in Mysuru He is the longest-

serving National Security Advisor of India. Doval has served as India's special representative for the India-China boundary talks and is also credited with playing an important role in diplomatic efforts that helped resolve the Doklam standoff. Instituted in 1983, the Lokmanya Tilak Award was first conferred on socialist leader S M Joshi, the Trust had said. It is awarded every year on August 1, the death anniversary of freedom fighter Bal Gangadhar Tilak, to individuals who have made a remarkable contribution to the nation's progress and development.

Hyderabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka on August 1. At around 11 am, the Prime Minister will undertake a walk-through of the passenger terminal building of Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district. At around 11.30 am, he will inaugurate the airport and lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple devel-



opment projects worth over Rs.17,900 crore in Bhogapuram. Also Read - YSRCP Leaders Threatened Woman Police Officer: Official He will address the gathering on

the occasion. Thereafter, at around 3.30 pm, the Prime Minister will inaugurate the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre - Viveka Smaraka at Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama in Mysuru. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. Modi will inaugurate the airport, which was developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode at a cost of over Rs.5,640

crore, the Greenfield airport has been designed to handle 6 million passengers annually. Also Read - AP Govt Dissolves Governing Bodies Of 18 Universities, Removes Nominated Members The passenger terminal building has been designed to provide a modern, seamless and efficient travel experience. The airport incorporates advanced infrastructure, cutting-edge technologies and sustainable features to

enhance operational efficiency and meet future aviation requirements. The airport has been equipped with advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Building Information Modelling (BIM), Airside 4.0 technologies, Airport Pr edictive Operations Centre (APOC), biometric passenger processing, automated baggage handling systems and intelligent operational monitoring solutions.

MeeSeva Crosses 2.20 Lakh Transactions in Single Day in Telangana



Hyderabad: MeeSeva, Telangana government's flagship digital citizen service platform, has achieved yet another significant milestone by recording its highest-ever daily transaction volume. On July 31, 2026, MeeSeva registered 2,20,172 transactions in a single day, setting a new benchmark in the platform's history, said Minister, Electronics and Communications, Duddilla Sridhar Babu. Also Read - Komatireddy Holds Rachabanda under Banyan Tree, Hears People's Grievances The Minister stated that the Telangana government has been consistently strengthening the MeeSeva platform to ensure faster, transparent, and citizen-centric delivery of govern-

ment services. Continuous expansion of services, technological upgrades, improved system performance, and the integration of new citizen services have contributed to this remarkable achievement. While MeeSeva typically records 70,000 to 80,000 transactions per day, crossing 2.20 lakh transactions in a single day reflects the growing confidence of citizens in the Government's digital governance initiatives, the Minister said. Also Read - Sri Sai Ram Foods in Nagole Pulled Up for Reusing Oil Among the highest-demand services on the record day were Family Card applications, Transport department services, and Income Certificate applications, which emerged

as the top three categories of transactions. The Minister noted that the platform successfully handled this unprecedented transaction volume without any technical disruptions, reaffirming MeeSeva's position as India's leading government digital service platform in terms of efficiency, reliability, and seamless citizen service delivery. Also Read - Hyderabad Metro Enables Medical Transit for Time-Critical Heart, Lung Sridhar Babu congratulated all MeeSeva centre operators, officials of various government departments, and technical teams whose dedicated efforts ensured uninterrupted service delivery across the State. MeeSeva currently offers a comprehensive range of citizen services, including Family Card applications, Income, Caste and Certificates, registrations, government and utility payments, Department services, and several other departmental services through its extensive network of MeeSeva centres and digital platforms.

Heavy Inflows Refill HYDRAA-Restored Uppal Nalla Cheruvu



Hyderabad: The Nalla Cheruvu in Uppal restored by HYDRAA has come alive with abundant rainwater following the recent heavy rains in Hyderabad. The lake, once choked with plastic waste and reduced to a polluted water body, is now receiving substantial flood inflows as a result of the comprehensive restoration works undertaken by HYDRAA. As part of the rejuvenation project, the HYDRAA developed an integrated drainage system to ensure that floodwaters from Nacharam lake and the surrounding catchment flow into the lake, while sewage is diverted through a separate bypass channel. This intervention has enabled floodwaters to safely enter the lake, preventing inundation in the upstream localities

during recent spells of heavy rainfall. Also Read - MeeSeva Crosses 2.20 Lakh Transactions in Single Day in Telangana More than 10 acres of encroachments were removed, restoring the lake's extent to nearly 70 acres. The HYDRAA is carrying out the comprehensive development of the lake at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore. Improved Inlets and Outlet To strengthen the lake's hydrology, the HYDRAA developed two inlets to channel floodwaters from Nacharam lake and the surrounding areas into Uppal Nalla Cheruvu. An improved outlet has also been constructed to facilitate the smooth discharge of surplus water into the Musi River after the lake reaches full capacity. Also Read - Komatireddy Holds

Rachabanda under Banyan Tree, Hears People's Grievances Beyond water conservation, the project aims to transform the lake into a vibrant public space. The development includes a walking track, a strengthened main bund, a children's play area, an open gym, and landscaped recreational spaces, creating an ideal destination for families and visitors. Uppal Nalla Cheruvu is one of the key lakes being developed under HYDRAA's first phase of lake restoration. With three restored lakes already dedicated to the public, Uppal Nalla Cheruvu is set to become another major urban water asset and an attractive recreational destination for Hyderabad in the near future.

Dpty CM Pawan Kalyan Hails PM Modi's Viksit Bharat Vision

Vizianagaram: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a "Viksit Bharat" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat," stating that it is driving transformation across every sector of the country. Addressing a public rally in Bhogapuram, Vizianagaram, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasised the comprehensive nature of the nation's growth under the Prime Minister's leadership. Also Read - PM Modi Honoured With Bobbili Ekanda Veena, A Symbol Of North Andhra's Legacy "Modi ji, your vision of Viksit Bharat and Atmanirbhar Bharat is transforming the nation across every sector, from highways to railways, from ports to airports, from digital infrastructure to defence,



renewable energy," Pawan Kalyan said. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh. Welcoming the inauguration of the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pawan Kalyan said dedicating the airport to the nation marked a new chapter in Andhra Pradesh's development. He said

significantly boost connectivity and accelerate the state's economic growth. "Rooted in Alluri's ideals and driven by aspirations of people, Andhra Pradesh is ready to reach greater heights," Pawan Kalyan. PM Modi received a warm welcome as he arrived at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan are also with him.

Man Hacked to Death Over Land Dispute in Nagarkurnool

Nagarkurnool: A 57-year-old Rural Medical Practitioner (RMP) was allegedly hacked to death by three assailants at his clinic in Pentalavelli village of Kollapur mandal on Friday. According to reports, the victim, Bogini Mallaiah (57), was a native of Pathakota village in Pagnidala mandal of Nandyal district, Andhra Pradesh. He had migrated to Pentalavelli around 35 years ago and had been serving as an RMP in the village. Also Read - Godavari at 55 Feet: 3rd Danger Signal Issued at Bhadrachalam Police said Mallaiah had been involved in a land dispute with some villagers for the past eight years. He was allegedly attacked in connection with the same dispute a few months ago, and a



case related to the incident is pending before the Kollapur court. So Mallaiah went to the court on Friday. After attending the court hearing, Mallaiah returned to his clinic. While he was there, two women and a man allegedly entered the clinic, threw red

chilli powder into his eyes, and dragged him onto the road. Later, they attacked him with sickles, killing him on the spot. The brutal murder triggered tension in the village, prompting several shopkeepers to close their businesses. Police rushed to the scene.

shifted the body for post-mortem examination, and registered a case. Mallaiah is survived by his wife, Manemma, and two sons. Based on a complaint lodged by Manemma, police have launched an investigation into the incident.

Three villages in Narayankhed area taps rainwater to tackle El Nino effect much before Telangana government comes up with plan

Sangareddy: While the Telangana government was still discussing how to tap rainwater amid the threat of the El Nino pattern, three villages in remote Narayankhed area had initiated measures way ahead of the government to tackle the issue. Villagers of Peerlitha Thanda, Mukthapur and Pusalpad are now ready to taste the fruits of their efforts now. As the IMD predicted that the El Nino effect would create serious drought conditions in the country during the 2026-27 year, the prediction had left the farmers of Narayankhed area worried since the drought prone area will bear the brunt more than any other part of the State. Most of the Narayankhed area was deprived of irrigation facilities and there were no minor irrigation tanks at all. Narayankhed Community pond in May When IRS officer Dr Sudhakar Nayak



came to these villages during the last summer and educated them on the need of digging the community ponds and soak pits to tap the rain-water to tackle drought, these villages utilised the opportunity effectively. The villagers joined hands, and dug up four community soak pits and two community ponds across a stream between these three villages during May. While the Sangareddy district administration was discussing on the need to tap the rain under "Jala

Siri" programme by digging farm ponds, soak pits and borewell recharging structures on last Monday during a review meeting held by Minister G. Vivekananda, the rainwater harvesting structures in these villages received their first water inflow as the area received considerable rain on the same day. During the last three days, the rains have brought considerable amounts of water into these rainwater harvesting structures which would not only benefit

them and also multiple other villages located close-by. Speaking to Telangana Today, Paladugu Gnaneshwar, who hails from the area, said that the rainwater used to go waste every year into local streams which would eventually flow down into Godavari and Bay of Bengal. But, they have stored the water for the first time this year. Since there were no minor irrigation tanks in these parts of the district, he hoped that the rainwater structures would replenish the groundwater table besides quenching the thirst of animals and birds. After tasting their first success within months after their effort, the villagers were preparing to take up digging of multiple such structures in the coming days. Dr Nayak observed that the rest of the district must draw inspiration from these villages to tap the rainwater.

Seethakka Offers Special Prayers for Floodwaters to Subside

Hyderabad: Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Saturday offered special prayers for Godavari floods to subside. She visited the Godavari floodwaters at Mangapet and the rehabilitation center set up at the Zilla Parishad High School and later spoke with flood-affected residents. The Minister inspected the progress of Godavari embankment construction works at Mangapet and reviewed the facilities provided after relocating 112 people from 28 families in areas vulnerable to flooding due to backwater effect to rehabilitation centers. Also Read - Balapur Police Fio Bid To Sell 4-day-old Baby In Sting Operation, Woman Arrested The



minister said that because of heavy rains in the upstream regions, the flood flow in the Godavari River is gradually increasing, and floodwaters may enter the river basin areas. She urged the people to

remain alert and instructed officials to stay available to the public at all times and carry out relief operations effectively. The Minister directed the officials concerned to ensure that flood victims staying in



rehabilitation centers are provided with food, drinking water, medical services, sanitation facilities, and all other basic amenities. After interacting with the victims, the minister instructed officials to ensure that all necessary facilities are made available to them. She assured that the government would take steps to construct permanent houses for flood victims. She said there was no need for people to worry and reassured them that the government would support them in every possible way.

3 Arrested For Illegal Sale Of Mephentermine Sulphate Injections

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Police has apprehended three persons for illegally procuring and selling Mephentermine Sulphate injections, police said on Saturday. Authorities seized 100 vials of Mephentermine Sulphate injections (10 ml IP - Mephpro), three mobile phones, and a scooter valued at approximately Rs 4,00,000 from the accused under Saifabad PS limits. The names of the accused were Shaik Faheem, Mohd Nayeem, and Ibrahim Hussain. The accused were the residents of Natraj Nagar, Tappachaputra. Also Read - Balapur Police Foil Bid To Sell 4-day-old Baby In Sting Operation, Woman Arrested Based on credible information, the Commissioner's Task



Force, Charminar Zone Team, in coordination with the Saifabad Police, intercepted the accused near Shree Maruti Logistics, where they were carrying illegal injections on the scooter. Enquiry revealed that the accused illegally procured the Mephentermine Sulphate Injections IP 10 ML vials from one Shakti Huda, a resident of Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, through trans-

port and were selling them to needy customers at higher prices. Also Read - Sridhar Babu Opens Southern India Regional Conference of Company Secretaries. Police noted that consumption of Mephentermine Sulphate injections causes various health problems. Mephentermine is a medication that can cause serious side effects, including cardiac arrest, high blood

pressure, and other cardiovascular complications. Using this medicine without a doctor's prescription or supervision can be extremely dangerous, and police strongly advised young individuals and the public to avoid the misuse of Mephentermine or any similar stimulant medications. Also Read - Seethakka Offers Special Prayers for Floodwaters to Subside

The arrest was made under the supervision of S. Saidababu, Inspector of Police, Charminar Zone Task Force team, by Sub-Inspectors M. Madhu, K. Rama Rao, and M. Mahesh, alongside PC K. Santosh Kumar and the Charminar Zone Task Force team, along with staff of Saifabad Police Station. Further investigation is in progress to

Siddipet police launch 'SHE SAFE' zone on Rajiv Rahadari

Siddipet: To ensure the safety of women and families travelling on highways, Commissioner of Police, Rashmi Perumal came up with an innovative initiative in the state. She launched a dedicated women's safety initiative named 'SHE SAFE' for those commuting via Rajiv Rahadari. The core objective of this initiative is to identify secure spaces along the highway where travelling families, especially women, can stop with complete trust and without any fear or hesitation. The criteria to be declared a 'SHE SAFE' zone was that hotels and fuel stations must have safe parking space, quality food, access to clean washrooms, access, mandatory CCTV surveillance, well-lit areas and trusted staff. The establishments that successfully meet all these standard parameters will be officially declared a 'SHE SAFE' zone by the Siddipet Police.



Commissionerate after thorough inspection. As part of this initiative, Commissioner Rashmi Perumal visited a few locations along Rajiv Rahadari on Friday. She inspected the existing amenities and provided crucial suggestions and advice to the owners to further enhance their safety standards. Earlier, the Commissioner held an awareness meeting

with commercial establishments along Rajiv Gandhi Marg, emphasising the importance of strengthening women's safety through proactive measures. Establishments were urged to install CCTV cameras, improve surveillance, and work together with the police to create a safer and more secure environment for every citizen.

She further observed that under the 'SHE SAFE' initiative, they are currently identifying key locations along the highway. Over the next month, the lady IPS officer said that they will ensure that all safety protocols are fully implemented at these locations, transforming them into comprehensive 'safe zones'.

Gun scare at Raidurgam pub triggers panic among customers, police launches probe

HYDERABAD: Union minister of state for fertilisers Anupriya Patel told Parliament that Telangana had been provided with sufficient stock of fertilisers for the ongoing Kharif 2026 season. In a written reply in Lok Sabha to a question by Medak BJP MP M. Raghunandan Rao on Thursday, Patel stated that the availability of fertilisers in the state has remained adequate during the period from April 1 to July 26. Also Read: Godavari at 55 Feet: 3rd Danger Signal Issued at Bhadrachalam The Union department of agriculture, in consultation with state governments, assesses month wise and state-wise fertiliser requirements before each cropping season. On this basis, the department of fertilisers allocated adequate quantities and continuously monitored availability through the online Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS). Patel said



Telangana's fertiliser availability exceeded requirements for all major categories during Kharif 2026 Also Read - Man Hacked to Death Over Land Dispute in Nagarkurnool On a query regarding expansion of the Ramagundam Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited (RFLC) plant, the minister clarified that there was no such proposal under consideration. She

explained that urea produced at RFCL, like output from all indigenous manufacturing plants, was pooled at the national level and allocated to states based on assessed requirements to ensure equitable distribution across the country. Also Read - Yellow Alert for Cyberabad as Rain, Strong Winds Likely This Afternoon The minister outlined steps taken to ensure timely fertilis-

er supply, including regular coordination with the railway ministry for priority movement of fertiliser rakes, and advising state governments to coordinate with manufacturers and importers for timely placement of indents. Distribution within the state at district level remained the responsibility of the state government concerned, she said.

Karnataka HC Set To Make History With All-Women Benches And Bar At Dharwad Sitting Today

Bengaluru: The Dharwad bench of Karnataka High Court is set to witness history on Saturday, with women taking charge on both bar and bench sides of the courtroom. In a historic first for the state, women judges will preside over specially constituted benches while an all-women team of government law officers, led by Additional Advocate General Pratima Honnapur, will argue every case on behalf of the State before them.

While all-women benches have occasionally been constituted in constitutional courts, legal observers say the Dharwad sitting is distinctive because women will occupy both the Bench and the Bar throughout the proceedings. Ten women judges will conduct proceedings throughout the day through seven special benches. Three Division Benches and four Single-Judge Benches have been



constituted for the special Saturday sitting, which is being seen as an initiative to highlight women's representation in the judiciary and legal profession. The High Court Registrar (Judicial), Rona Vasudeva, issued a notification in accordance with an order by Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru. The three Division Benches will comprise Justice Anu

Sivaraman and Justice K.G. Shanthi; Justice Jyoti Mulimani and Justice P. Sree Sudha; and Justice Lalitha Kanneganti and Justice K.S. Hemalekha. The four Single-Judge Benches will be presided over by Justice Chillakur Sumalatha, Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju, Justice K.B. Geetha and Justice Rajeshwari N. Hegde. The Division Bench compris-

ing Justice Anu Sivaraman and Justice K.G. Shanthi will take up preliminary hearings, applications, orders and final hearings in writ and civil matters assigned to it. On behalf of the State government, the specially constituted benches. The Advocate General's Office has issued a separate order appointing an all-women team of law officers to appear on behalf of the State government before the seven special benches. Additional Advocate General Pratima Honnapur will lead the team. Responsibilities have been separately allocated to women Ad dition-

al Government Advocates and High Court Government Pleaders to ensure representation each bench. The lawyers assigned for the proceedings are Additional Advocate General Pratima Honnapur, Additional Government Advocates Nandini Somapur, Pramodhini Kishan, Savithramma, B.P. Radha, Sunita Sequeira, Mamatha Shetty, Mala B. Bhute, V. Hemalatha and R.K. Pratibha; and Government Advocates V. Spoorthi, Girija Hiremath, Rashmi Patel, Rashmi Rao, Keerthilata Patil, Ratnamala, S. Chandini, R. Soumya, Waheeda and Deepti Alva. The unique initiative is being hailed as a defining moment for gender representation in the higher judiciary, symbolising how women have moved from the margins to the mainstream of India's justice delivery system.

DGAO During Op Sindoor, Air Marshal Bharti Retires After Illustrious Career In IAF



New Delhi: Air Marshal A K Bharti, who served as the Director General Air Operations (DGAO) during Operation Sindoor, on Friday superannuated after an illustrious career in the IAF. After retiring as Deputy Chief of Air Staff, the air officer visited the National War Memorial (NWM) here to pay homage to the fallen heroes. "Expressing his sincere affiliation and respect for #Bravehearts, who have laid down their lives in the service of the #Nation, Air Mshl AK Bharti, SYSM, AVSM, VM, DCAS, paid homage at #NationalWarMemorial in a wreath-laying ceremony, on his superannuation," the NWM posted on X

and also shared some photos. Air Marshal Bharti, along with Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, then Director General Military Operations (DGMO), and Navy's Vice Admiral A N Pramod, were the faces of the tri-service media briefings on Operation Sindoor in Delhi in May 2025. In response to the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 last year, carrying out airstrikes on nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, eliminating at least 100 terrorists. The hostilities ended with an understanding on halting the military actions on May 10 following

talks over the hotline between army officials of the two sides. After the decisive military operation, Air Marshal Bharti was appointed as Deputy Chief of Air Staff. "On being appointed as Deputy Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal AK Bharti, AVSM, VM, paid homage to fallen soldiers at #NationalWarMemorial. Saluting before the #Iconic #AmarJyoti, the DCAS expressed his heartfelt gratitude to #Bravehearts for their gallant service," the NWM posted on June 1 last year. On Friday, the NWM also posted, "On superannuation, VADM Tarun Sobti, UYSM, AVSM, VSM, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, laid a wreath at

Unite For Cauvery Issue, Save TN From Becoming Desert: DMK Leader Duraimurugan

Vellore: Senior DMK leader Duraimurugan has urged all political parties in Tamil Nadu to set aside differences and unite over the Cauvery river dispute, warning that inaction could "turn the state into a desert."

Duraimurugan lashed out at recent statements made in Parliament by Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti Raj Bhushan Choudhary, who claimed that the 2018 Supreme Court verdict did not explicitly require Karnataka to obtain consent from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, or Puducherry before undertaking construction projects like Mekedatu.

Terming the union minister's remarks factually incorrect and dangerous, Duraimurugan read excerpts from legal documents and court rulings, emphasising that any construction across the Cauvery requires the consent of the concerned



basin states.

"This is not a party issue; Tamil Nadu is turning into a desert," he said, while addressing reporters on Tuesday and demanded that the state government strongly contest the central minister's statements and register a privilege motion in the assembly

against the suppression of facts. Criticising the approach of writing letters to the central government, the DMK leader called for aggressive legal and political action, suggesting that leaders and legal experts should directly challenge such moves in Delhi. He also recalled the legacy

of former chief ministers, noting how leaders like M G Ramachandran and M Karunanidhi historically handled interstate river disputes by taking all parties along. "This is not a party issue; Tamil Nadu is turning into a desert," he said, while addressing reporters on Tuesday and

demanded that the state government strongly contest the central minister's statements and register a privilege motion in the assembly against the suppression of facts. Criticising the approach of writing letters to the central government, the DMK leader called for aggressive. Terming the union minister's remarks factually incorrect and dangerous, Duraimurugan read excerpts from legal documents and court rulings, emphasising that any construction across the Cauvery requires the consent of the concerned legal and political action, suggesting that leaders and legal experts should directly challenge such moves in Delhi.

He also recalled the legacy of former chief ministers, noting how leaders like M G Ramachandran and M Karunanidhi historically handled interstate river disputes by taking all parties along.

CJI Surya Kant Cautions Against Leaving Online Mediation Entirely To AI

Jaipur: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Friday cautioned against leaving online mediation entirely to artificial intelligence, saying AI may carry a human voice but cannot display "human empathy and apology". He said that online mediation should be conducted predominantly by trained mediators. Addressing the inaugural session of the Commonwealth Peace Mediation Conference 2026 in Jaipur, the CJI said technology and online dispute resolution could help extend mediation services to the remotest corners of the Commonwealth but human intervention would remain indispensable.

"I welcome that pragmatic idea, but with one caution that you can effectively address through your software mechanism. Online mediation may not be left entirely to AI-based software. They may carry a human voice but won't be



able to display human empathy and apology. I recommend that online mediation should be conducted predominantly by trained mediators only," he said. The CJI also said that mediation should no longer be viewed as subordinate to litigation.

"Mediation must no longer be treated as a lesser cousin of litigation, waiting outside the courtroom for its turn," he said. "It has earned, through the persistence of practitioners like many of you and also now with the statuto-

ry backup of the Mediation Act, a seat at the same table as the court. The two are not competitors; they are complementary to each other," he added. Describing the relationship between courts and mediation, Chief Justice Kant said, "The court gives us certainty, precedent, and the final word when all else fails. Mediation gives us the space to write our own ending, before the last word ever needs to be spoken." He said peace and the rule of law should not be

viewed as opposing concepts. "Peace is not the absence of law. Peace is one of law's finest achievements," he said. He said that despite mediation being applied across a wide range of disputes, from neighbourhood disagreements to international conflicts, the fundamental principles remained unchanged. "Somebody has to listen more than they speak. Somebody has to translate anger into interest, and interest into an option that both sides can live with," the CJI said. He said that mediation is not a soft skill but one of the hardest skills that the legal profession asks of anyone to learn through vigorous training and self-acquired experience. Recalling his childhood in a village in Haryana, the CJI said disputes were often resolved through community dialogue long before the concept of Alternative Dispute

became widely recognised. "When two families quarrelled... they sat under a tree with the village elders and talked until the matter was resolved. Nobody called it 'Alternative Dispute Resolution' in those days. 'We called it panchayat. It was mediation before the word became fashionable,' he said. The CJI said the real test of peace was not the signing of documents but whether relationships could endure after a dispute was resolved. "That, to my mind, is the truest test of any peace. Not whether the paperwork is signed, but whether the neighbours can still share a cup of tea the next morning," he said. Justice Kant said the conference would deliberate on family, workplace, commerce, infrastructure, criminal justice, community, environmental and climate mediation, as well as global peacebuilding. He

Dipke Questions FIR Against Noida Woman, Asks Why BJP Members Not



New Delhi: Janta Party (CJP) founding president Abhijeet Dipke on Friday questioned the FIR against a woman supporter of CJP for allegedly using abusive language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and asked whether there are "two laws" in the country and why similar action is not being taken against BJP leaders and IT cell members accused of using objectionable language. In a video shared by Dipke on X, he said he learnt that a case has been registered against a woman for using abusive language and questioned why similar action has not been taken in other cases. "If you are registering cases for abusing, when will cases be registered against those BJP IT cell people who have been using abusive language for women online for years?" Dipke asked. He alleged that several such social media users had repeatedly used objectionable language against women while openly identifying themselves

with the BJP. "They have been using all kinds of words, not respecting women from any angle. And they proudly wrote in their bio, 'Followed by PM Modi'. Such people have abused girls. When will the case be filed on them?" he added. Dipke also referred to remarks made by BJP leaders in the past, questioning why similar action has not been taken against them. "It is not just the BJP's IT cell. Their Member of Parliament, Ramesh Bidhuri ji, what words did he use for a fellow Member of Parliament, everyone remembers that," he said. He also cited Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, alleging that a video had surfaced in which he used abusive language against a camera person. "The CM of UP... even had a video, where he had abused a camera person. So, what is going on? Are there two laws in this country? There is a separate law for youth and a separate law for BJP and their leaders," he said. Claiming that abusive language was

not a criminal offence, Dipke said cases should not be filed merely over such remarks. "Abusing is not a crime. It is a bad thing, explain it to the person that they should not use such language, but why is a case being filed? If cases are to be filed for abusing, highest number of cases will be filed against the BJP's IT cell, because they are the ones who have abused women the most. And it will be against BJP's leaders, who have used bad language for years, even inside the Parliament," he said. In a post on X accompanying the video, CJP said, "Will an FIR be filed against all those IT Cell members who have been abusing women for the last several years?"

The remarks came a day after a Zero FIR was registered at the Expressway police station in Noida against Ruchika Singh for allegedly using abusive and objectionable language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a protest at Jantar Mantar on July 23. The FIR was lodged on the complaint of Ghaziabad resident Smriti Singh under Sections 352 (intentional insult to provoke breach of peace), 353(1) (statements conducing to public mischief) and 356(1) (defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Police said the Zero FIR would be transferred to New Delhi for further investigation.

No Fresh Batch Of Amarnath Pilgrims Allowed From Jammu Due To NH44 Closure

Jammu: As the Jammu-Srinagar national highway remained closed for vehicular traffic due to ongoing maintenance work at different locations between Udhampur and Banihal, no fresh batch of Amarnath pilgrims was allowed to proceed from Jammu towards Kashmir. But at the same time, a batch of 8,371 pilgrims left Baltal camp in Ganderbal district of Kashmir Valley for the cave shrine. On Saturday morning, around 671 pilgrims paid their obeisance at the cave shrine. The Jammu-Srinagar national highway (NH44) remains closed for vehicles since Friday morning due to maintenance and clearance work at Samroli in Udhampur and between Ramsoo and Banihal in Ramban district. The highway was expected to reopen for traffic today, but due to a fresh rain-triggered



landslide at Dewal in Samroli, the clearance work got delayed. Meanwhile, the weather continues to keep the administration on its toes as heavy rainfall in Chenab valley districts of Doda, Rambaan and Kashmir over the next few days. A cloudburst was reported in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar district at around 2:30 am on

Saturday, leading to a flash flood in which several vehicles were reportedly swept away. The Kishtwar-Anantnag national highway via Sinthan too was closed for traffic after flash n and Kishtwar has forced the administration to close all schools for the day. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted widespread rainfall in

Jammu and Kashmir over the next few days. A cloudburst was reported in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar district at around 2:30 am on Saturday, leading to a flash flood in which several vehicles were reportedly swept away. The Kishtwar-Anantnag national highway via Sinthan too was closed for traffic after flash floods in Chatroo.

First US Refueling Aircraft Arrive At Air Base In Bulgaria To Support

Sofia: The first two U.S. military aircraft intended to provide support for operations in the Middle East arrived Friday at an air base in southeastern Bulgaria, drawing a complaint from Iran as Bulgarian residents have also been protesting the deployment. The Trump administration has faced pushback from some European allies over the use of air bases in support of its war with Iran. But lawmakers in Bulgaria — a member of NATO and the European Union — voted earlier in July to allow the deployment of up to eight U.S. KC-135 refueling aircraft, as well as 250 personnel with personal weapons and ammunition and airfield equipment, at Bezmer Air Base. Under a 2006 U.S.-Bulgaria defense agreement, the Bezmer facility, about 260 kilometers (160 miles) southeast of the capital, Sofia, is a joint-use facility. Any new use of the base requires parliamentary approval. The deployment, requested by the U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria, is authorized until Oct. 1, 2026. U.S.



President Donald Trump thanked Bulgarian Prime Minister Rumen Radev in a Truth Social post for allowing the deployment "despite Iran's threats." On Thursday, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Velislava Petrova assured her Iranian counterpart, Abbas Araghchi, that the deployment "in no way means a change in Bulgaria's approach toward Iran." The two countries are important trade partners. A Bulgarian Foreign Ministry statement quot-

ed Petrova as saying "it was out of the question" that any direct military actions linked to the conflict in the Middle East would be carried out from Bulgarian territory. The statement did not indicate what Araghchi said. But the Bulgarian state news agency, BTA, said Araghchi protested to Petrova over Bulgaria's support for U.S. military operations against Iran during a telephone conversation initiated by the Bulgarian side. The report cited a report

from Iran's state-run IRNA news agency. Residents of the village of Bezmer and nearby settlements, including the regional capital Yambol, have staged peaceful protests in recent days against the deployment of the U.S. aircraft. Government officials visited the region to address people's fears, assuring them that the deployment is solely for logistical missions involving in-flight refueling outside Bulgarian airspace.

Italy Temporarily Suspends Schengen Agreement With Spain Over Ceuta Migrant Crisis



Rome: Italy has temporarily suspended its open-border travel with Spain following a major surge of migrants into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta in North Africa, stating that the decision was taken to safeguard Italian citizens and protect European frontiers. Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani announced the decision to pause the Schengen agreement with Spain on Friday. He explained that the provisional step had become necessary after thousands of migrants crossed into Ceuta from Morocco.

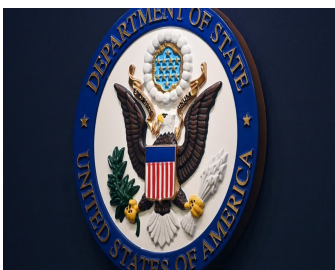
"The temporary suspension of Schengen with Spain is a necessary choice to safeguard the security of our citizens and defend the European borders," Tajani said in a post on X. The foreign minister highlighted that the move is permitted under European Union regulations and had become "unavoidable" as a result of the border situation in Ceuta. The pause will remain in effect for one month starting Saturday, according to the Italian interior ministry. Tajani further referred to the developments in

Ceuta as a "shared responsibility" among EU member states, calling on European partners to act collectively to prevent unmonitored migration into the bloc. "We must work together to prevent uncontrolled migrant flows from entering EU territory, with all the consequent risks and the threat of terrorism, which must be countered without hesitation," Tajani added. The directive followed remarks by Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, who urged decisive action after characterising footage from

Ceuta, showing mass attempts to enter Spanish land, as "shock." Meloni indicated that Rome stood ready to enforce emergency provisions to secure its national borders and ensure public safety. Ceuta and Melilla, Spain's two territories in North Africa, serve as the European Union's sole land borders with the African continent and regularly experience migration pressure. However, Spanish authorities noted that the latest arrivals represented an unprecedented volume.

US To Make Visa Bond Requirements Permanent, Affecting Mostly African Countries

Washington: The State Department is making permanent a pilot program under which citizens from 50 countries, mainly in Africa, are required to post bonds to apply for a U.S. visa, and it's raising the cost as well, to as much as \$20,000. A draft notice published Friday in the Federal Register says a nearly year-long review "provided sufficient data" to suggest the bond program effectively enforces compliance



with visa conditions, and would be made permanent. The notice is to be formally released on Monday, the day the program becomes permanent, and additional

countries may be added to the list, which can be found here. The pilot program set the maximum bond amount at \$15,000, with lower amounts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 based on a consular officer's discretion. The final regulation raises the maximum to \$20,000 and removes the \$5,000 low-end payment. The program requires holders of passports from the affected

countries to pay the bond to be interviewed for business and tourist visas — known as B1 and B2 visas — to travel to the United States. The bond is refunded if the visa application is denied or, if granted, if the person adheres to the visa terms. The Trump administration rolled out the program last August to crack down on visa overstays and as part of its broader efforts to curtail illegal migration. The government esti-

Two Non-Local Workers Killed In Terror Attack In Jammu And Kashmir's Kulgam

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday quashed the 2021 office memorandum granting the Centre and others the power to grant retrospective environmental clearances to projects. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi is pronouncing the verdict on as many as 49 petitions as the hearing is underway. The apex court said that its verdict will apply prospectively, and projects that were granted a green nod earlier will remain valid. Senior lawyers, Gopal Sankaranarayanan and Sanjay Parikh, appearing for different parties, opposed the grant of retrospective clearances to projects violating green norms, saying that government officials and bodies cannot be



allowed to violate norms with impunity and hope that everything will be allowed later on payment of penalties. The top court heard a batch of pleas challenging its Vanashakti verdict of May 16, 2025. The case has seen many twists and turns in the top court. On May 16, 2025, a bench of Justice (since retired) A S Oka and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan

had barred the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and the authorities concerned from granting retrospective clearances to violating projects. However, on November 18, 2025, a three-judge bench headed by the then CJI B R Gavai, by a 2:1 majority verdict, paved the way for retrospective environmental clearances by the Centre

and other authorities to ment of heavy penalties, observing that otherwise rupees would go waste". The top court had held that numerous vital projects constructed with nearly Rs 20,000 crore from the public exchequer would be demolished if the May 16, 2025 verdict was not recalled. It had ordered a fresh hearing on the pleas.

Two Non-Local Workers Killed In Terror Attack In Jammu And Kashmir's Kulgam

Anantnag: Unidentified terrorists shot two non-local brick kiln workers in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday. While one person died while being shifted to hospital, another succumbed this morning during treatment, police officials . The attack took place in the Kelam area. According to senior police officials, both men sustained injuries after they were shot at by terrorists. One of the injured, identified as Deepak Kumar Raturay (24), a resident of Chhattisgarh, died while being shifted to a hospital, officials said. Another worker, Bhupinder Dasrat (28), also a resident of Chhattisgarh, was admitted to Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag, and later shifted to SKIMS Soura in Srinagar, where he succumbed to his . Both the victims were employed at a local brick kiln, officials said.

Soon after the attack, security forces rushed to



the area and launched a massive search operation to track down the . Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Singh said that he has directed security forces to step up the operations and eliminate the terrorists. In a post on X, Sinha said, "I spoke with the DGP, Shri Nalin Prabhat and top security officials following the brutal terrorist attack in Kulgam in which a labourer from Chhattisgarh was killed. I strongly condemn this cowardly act. I have directed our security forces to step up their operations and eliminate

the terrorists. J&K Police and Security forces have cordoned off the area and launched an operation to bring the perpetrators to justice. Another injured labourer from Chhattisgarh has been rushed to the hospital for urgent medical care. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family and I am praying for the speedy recovery of the injured. J&K administration and the entire nation stand with the families." The attack comes weeks after security forces intensified counterterrorism operations in south Kashmir. On July 8, police

announced the killing of a Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorist in a joint operation carried out by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of Shopian Police, the Indian Army's Rashtriya Rifles, and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Following that operation, Jammu and Kashmir Police said: "You can run but you can't hide," signaling continued operations against terrorists active in the region. More recently, on July 22, Head Constable Ashiq Hussain Qureshi was shot dead at close range by a terrorist in the

At UNSC, India Voices Strong Support For Palestine, Condemns Attacks On Ships Transiting Strait Of Hormuz

Washington: President Donald Trump said Friday that his \$1.8 billion anti-weaponization fund is “dead” while also continuing to defend it, further complicating his administration’s negotiations with two Republican senators who are blocking his attorney general nominee in protest.

p told reporters at Camp David on Friday morning that administration officials had “agreed not to have a fund” that compensates his political allies, yet made clear that he disagrees with that decision. The comments came hours after an early morning social media post in which Trump said people who had been prosecuted by the Justice Department — many of them for their involvement in the violent Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol — “are suffering still, many ruined, and I felt that they should be given compensation for what has been done to them.” Trump’s reluctant declaration that the fund won’t be created came as Republican Sens. John Cornyn of Texas and Thom Tillis of North Carolina, both members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, say they won’t support Todd Blanche’s nomination for attorney general until



they see that promise in writing. They have been working for weeks with the White House and Blanche, who is now the acting attorney general, to produce a document to that effect, but both senators have said they aren’t satisfied so far. “The President made it clear today that the so-called Anti-Weaponization Fund is still alive, which is exactly why we are attempting to formally end it,” Tillis said after Trump’s initial social media post. Trump said in his post that Blanche should be immediately confirmed and is a “pawn in this whole thing.” Cornyn, Tillis want promises in writing Blanche said at a hearing two months ago that the anti-weaponization fund would not move forward after Republican senators revolted and held up an immigration funding bill. But Tillis, who is

retiring when his term ends in January, and Cornyn, who lost reelection this year after Trump endorsed his primary opponent, said they want to ensure that the White House doesn’t reverse course, especially as Trump continues to argue that a fund is needed. The Justice Department has provided the senators with language that says Blanche’s May 18 order establishing the “Anti-Weaponization Fund” is “rescinded and shall have no force or effect,” according to a document reviewed by The Associated Press. Cornyn and Tillis have said they also want some clarifications on a separate piece of the settlement that would grant Trump and members of his family immunity from tax audits. Cornyn said this week that it was his understanding that the audits could extend

to more than 100 different Trump organization subsidiaries into the future. “Todd Blanche said it was limited to the parties to the litigation — and it was retrospective, not prospective,” Cornyn said. “And all we’re doing is asking them to put that in writing. Blanche nomination is delayed in the Senate. The Judiciary Committee postponed a vote on Blanche’s nomination that had been scheduled for Thursday morning after Tillis and Cornyn said they needed more from the administration before they could provide the necessary votes. After the meeting was delayed, Trump said in a social media post that he might pull Blanche’s nomination and resubmit it after Cornyn and Tillis leave office next year. But the two sides continued to negotiate through Thursday afternoon, when Blanche, Cornyn and Tillis met on Capitol Hill. On Friday, a person familiar with the negotiations said talks had been positive but the senators were still awaiting a new offer from the Justice Department. The person requested anonymity to discuss the private negotiations.

The two senators have repeatedly said the

India Urges Iran To Avoid Attacks On Commercial Shipping And Seafarers

New Delhi: India on Friday has urged Iran to avoid attacks on commercial shipping and seafarers under any circumstances with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conveying to his Iranian counterpart Abbas Araghchi that New Delhi condemns any such strike by any party. Jaishankar said this during a phone conversation with Araghchi.

“Conveyed our deep concerns at the ongoing hostilities in the region. Strongly urged that attacks on commercial shipping and seafarers be avoided under any circumstance,” the external affairs minister said on social media. “India condemns any such attack by any party.” Jaishankar said he was apprised of Iran’s perspective of current developments and discussions which are underway. “India is always supportive of dialogue and diplomacy,” he said. The phone conversation between the two foreign ministers came amid increasing hostilities between Iran and the



US. India has been voicing serious concerns over attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh told Rajya Sabha on Thursday that India has been voicing serious concerns over attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh told Rajya Sabha on Thursday that 16 Indian nationals, including 10 seafarers, have been killed and another 75 injured in the West Asia conflict since February.

lost their lives in the Middle East (one in Saudi Arabia; two in Kuwait; eight in Oman; one in Iraq; and four in UAE), and 75 Indians have been injured (32 in UAE; 24 in Oman; four in Qatar; 13 in Kuwait; one in Saudi Arabia; and one in Israel). US. India has been voicing serious concerns over attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh told Rajya Sabha on Thursday that 16 Indian nationals, including 10 seafarers, have been

killed and another 75 injured in the West Asia conflict since February. “Since the outbreak of the conflict in the Middle East in 2026, 16 Indian nationals, including 10 seafarers have lost their lives in the Middle East (one in Saudi Arabia; two in “ Singh said. He was replying to a question. “In a separate accident not related to attacks, 12 Indian nationals have lost their lives in Ras Laffan Gas Facility in Qatar,” Singh said, referring to an explosion and fire at an energy complex in June.

UNSC Reform Process Cannot Be Held Hostage By Divisive Interests Of Select Few:



United Nations: India’s envoy to the UN said negotiations on Security Council reform have been through 17 rounds with no concrete result in sight, underscoring that the process cannot be held hostage by the “divisive interests” of a few. The UN General Assembly on Tuesday decided to “roll over” to its next session the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reforms, an annual practice by the 193-member body that now enters its 18th year with no concrete results or end-date so far. Negotiations to reform the powerful 15-nation Security Council will now continue in the 81st session of the UN General Assembly that will commence in September. India joined the consensus to adopt the draft oral decision for the rollover of IGN on the “Question of the equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council” to the 81st session, but voiced strong criticism over the lack of progress in achieving tangible outcomes and efforts by some Member States to stall the process. “The 80th IGN session, like the previous sessions, has not been successful in forging any outcomes or initiatives that could pave the way for implementing

real reforms. The cluster debates have largely been a reiteration of known positions of member states and groups,” India’s Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said here Tuesday. In a statement at the adoption of the oral decision to roll over the Intergovernmental Negotiations to the 81st UNGA session, Harish invoked the Indian philosophy that a soul has to go through cycles of births and deaths, making incremental progress each time, before “The IGN has been through seventeen cycles already. Sadly, however, there is no liberation in sight. How much longer should the world wait?” he said. Voicing strong criticism over the slow-moving reform process, India said every session that UN Member States spent “regurgitating” their positions from the “comfort” Security Council reforms cannot be more pronounced, and more urgent. It cannot be held hostage of New York”, the hope for a fit-for-purpose UN grows weaker in the real world. “There is a palpable sense of disappointment among Member States and global citizenry regarding the inability of the Security Council to meaningfully intervene in conflicts across the globe. The need for comprehensive UN

Security Council reforms cannot be more pronounced, and more urgent. It cannot be held hostage by the narrow, divisive interests of a select few Member States,” Harish said. He emphasised that the path to securing such reforms is clear – text-based negotiations with clearly defined timelines and milestones. India said the outcome of such a genuine effort must lead to an expansion in both the permanent and non-permanent categories of UNSC membership, with greater representation of the Global South. “India stands fully ready to contribute to this endeavour. It is our sincere hope that the 81st IGN session would mark a new beginning on this count,” he said. Earlier this month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar launched India’s official campaign for a non-permanent seat at the Security Council for the 2028-29 term. Elections for the 2028-29 term will be conducted in June next year, when India and Tajikistan will compete for the sole seat in the Asia-Pacific Group category. India had last sat in the UNSC in 2021-22, its eighth time at the horseshoe high table after tenures in 1950-1951, 1967-1968, 1972-1973, 1977-1978, 1984-1985, 1991-1992 and 2011-2012.

India has called for expansion in permanent and non-permanent categories of UNSC membership, cautioning that reform of the UN Security Council will border on “failure” if only its non-permanent category of membership is expanded, as this will “fundamentally” not change the decision-making power structure of the The Uniting for Consensus (UfC). “There is a palpable sense of disGroup, which comprises Canada, Pakistan, Türkiye and Italy, has called for increasing Security Council seats exclusively in the non-permanent category. UfC proposes a 27-member Security Council, without any increase in the number of permanent members, which currently stands at five.

Colombo: A former Indian under-19 cricketer, who is a co-owner of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) franchise Jaffna Kings, was arrested by Sri Lanka’s sports anti-corruption investigators on Friday over allegations of attempting to bribe a player. The arrest took place hours before the sixth edition of the tournament kicked off. The suspect, Manjot Kalra, remembered for his match-winning century in the final of the 2018 Under-19 Cricket World Cup, was arrested by the Police Special



Investigation Unit for the Prevention of Offences Relating to Sports and later produced before a magistrate. Kalra, 27, who transitioned into sports entrepreneurship, invested in the Jaffna Kings franchise earlier this

year. According to the Sri Lankan police, Kalra is accused of attempting to induce a player with money in connection with the tournament. Investigators said the player had alerted the authorities after being approached around 10 days earlier, leading to the arrest on Friday. The complaint was lodged by Sri Lanka players Bhanuka Ra Japaks, Avishka Fernando and Dunith Wellalage, the police said. All three of them

play for the Jaffna Kings franchise. The arrest came on the opening day of the LPL 2026 with Jaffna Kings taking on Galle Gallants at the SSC Grounds in Colombo. The five-team tournament features 24 matches and is scheduled to conclude on August 8. The LPL has faced scrutiny over allegations of match fixing, bribery and corruption for a while. Earlier this year, a Sri Lankan court handed a four-year suspended prison sentence to the owner of another LPL

US And India Engage In Bangladesh Amid Mutual Concerns Over The Growing



New Delhi: The meeting between Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi and visiting US Special Envoy for South and Central Asia Sergio Gor in Dhaka comes at a time when Bangladesh has emerged as one of the principal theatres of strategic competition in South Asia. Though details of the discussions remain undisclosed, the engagement reflects growing India-US consultations on regional stability, political developments in Bangladesh and the broader balance of power in the Bay of

Bengal amid China’s expanding influence.

According to a report in the Dhaka Tribune news website, Trivedi met Gor at a hotel in Dhaka on Friday. “The meeting was held at a city hotel in the morning. I can only tell you it was a good meeting,” the report quoted a US diplomatic source as saying. As India seeks to consolidate its Neighbourhood First Policy and the US deepens its Indo-Pacific engagement, the two countries appear to be stepping up consulta-

tions on a neighbourhood increasingly shaped by political transitions, maritime security concerns and great-power competition. Bangladesh occupies one of the most strategic locations in the Indo-Pacific. It borders India on three sides, the Bay of Bengal and Myanmar. It sits close to India’s landlocked Northeast, the Siliguri Corridor — also known as the Chicken’s Neck — and major Bay of Bengal sea lanes. Any political instability in Bangladesh directly affects India’s internal security, border

management, connectivity projects, trade, and counter-terrorism cooperation. For New Delhi, Bangladesh is among its most important neighbours. Among India’s interests is connectivity — rail connectivity, inland waterways, road corridors, coastal shipping, multimodal transport, and access to the Northeast. Then comes security. India has traditionally cooperated closely with Bangladesh on counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing, preventing insurgent activities, and border management. Bangladesh is also India’s largest trading partner in South Asia.

India has also invested heavily in power connectivity, energy cooperation, digital infrastructure, and cross-border transmission lines. Washington’s priorities are somewhat different. The US seeks democratic stability, economic reforms, regional stability, maritime security, and diversified supply chains. Bangladesh has emerged as an increas-

Beyond the Resignation— NEET, youth protests, and India's missing accountabilit



On 25 July 2026, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned after five weeks of youth-led protests over a leaked medical-entrance NEET paper, a rare moment of accountability in Indian public life.

Look closely, and you see something else. He framed his exit not as answering to students, but as denying 'anti-national forces' the chance to exploit the situation. Even the act of accountability was narrated as an act of national defence. That gap between accountability owed and accountability performed is the real story of these protests.

Leak Season

The NEET-UG paper did not leak because someone broke into a vault. It leaked because someone inside the system sold it. On 3 May, 2.27 million students sat for the exam. On 12 May, it was cancelled after a guess paper circulating beforehand matched the real one. By July, the CBI had traced the trail to a professor on the very expert panel that set the paper. The failure was internal. Paper leaks are not new in India. What is new is the frequency — around 89 examination paper leak cases over the last decade, forcing 48 re-tests; a wider survey documented more than 220 incidents across 21 States over the past two decades. Before 2015, a leak was a scandal; now it has become a season. And each recurrence is met with the same deflection: that leaks happened under earlier governments too, which treats the repeated theft of young people's futures as an inheritance to be managed rather than a failure to be answered for.

Give NTA statutory independence, publish audit trails for every exam paper, and mandate the disclosure of all leak inquiries to ensure accountability.

The human cost is not abstract. Student suicides in India reached 14,488 in 2024 (a record number), and 8.5 per cent of all suicides nationally. Deaths linked specifically to NEET have climbed every year — four in 2021, rising to at least 32 in 2025, with more in 2026 after the

cancellation was announced. These young people did not die because they failed. They died inside a system built around one of the most demanding examinations anywhere, one that asks them to stake years on a single test, and then cannot promise the test is even real. Regulator Nobody Appointed At the centre sits the National Testing Agency (NTA), a legal entity; it is barely an institution. It is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, is outside CAG performance audit and under direct parliamentary scrutiny. It conducts exams for millions with 24 permanent staff against 197 contractual and outsourced ones. Its income has climbed to about Rs 1,117 crore over five years, drawn largely from the fees of the students it examines. It sets the exam, guards the paper, and investigates itself when the paper goes missing. There are no checks and balances. So, the check came from outside the system. Students compared the circulating paper with the real questions and posted the overlaps. They pushed the story past the NTA's denials into the press, then into a criminal investigation, then onto the street. This is where digitalisation genuinely served accountability — it lowered the cost of documenting a failure and raised the cost of ignoring it. Before the 2025 exam, the NTA flagged 106 Telegram channels and 16 Instagram accounts spreading false leak claims. Around the 2026 re-test, fraudsters extracted money from anxious families for papers that did not exist. After the re-examination, a fabricated leak video circulated widely enough that both the NTA and the government's fact-check unit had to rebut it.

Synthetic content causes damage less by fabricating proof than by making denial cheap. Once a convincing fake is possible, every real document can be waved away as one. A healthy state would answer this by building credible, independent verification. Surprisingly, the Indian

government did not do what it was supposed to do; instead, it retained the power to switch the signal off.

Anatomy of Evasion

Let us talk about the accountability that was deflected, even as it was eventually conceded. First, the message was throttled. Content-blocking orders from the IT ministry averaged roughly 6,000 a year to October 2023, then more than doubled in 2024 and doubled again in 2025, to around 24,300. As the protest peaked, mobile internet around Jantar Mantar was suspended under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, in the name of public safety. Second, the protesters were warned off. As students gathered, Delhi University, JNU, and many other educational institutions like IIT Roorkee cautioned that joining the protests, or even posting about them, could invite legal and disciplinary action, while police video-graphed the crowds to identify who was present. Accountability was being demanded of the students, but not from the other side.

Third, the motives were impugned. BJP leaders, including Pradhan, portrayed the agitation as driven by foreign funding and international conspiracy, tying the students' agitation to the opposition political. This shows how little those in government care about accountability. Fourth, the timing was questioned: why protest now, why not before? The record answers plainly. Students also protested this in 2024, marching at Jantar Mantar under the slogan '24 lakh students want exam, not scam,' demanding the same minister's resignation and the scrapping of the NTA. JNU students were detained for trying to sit in overnight. The young have been asking this question for years. What party's agenda and "anti-national"?

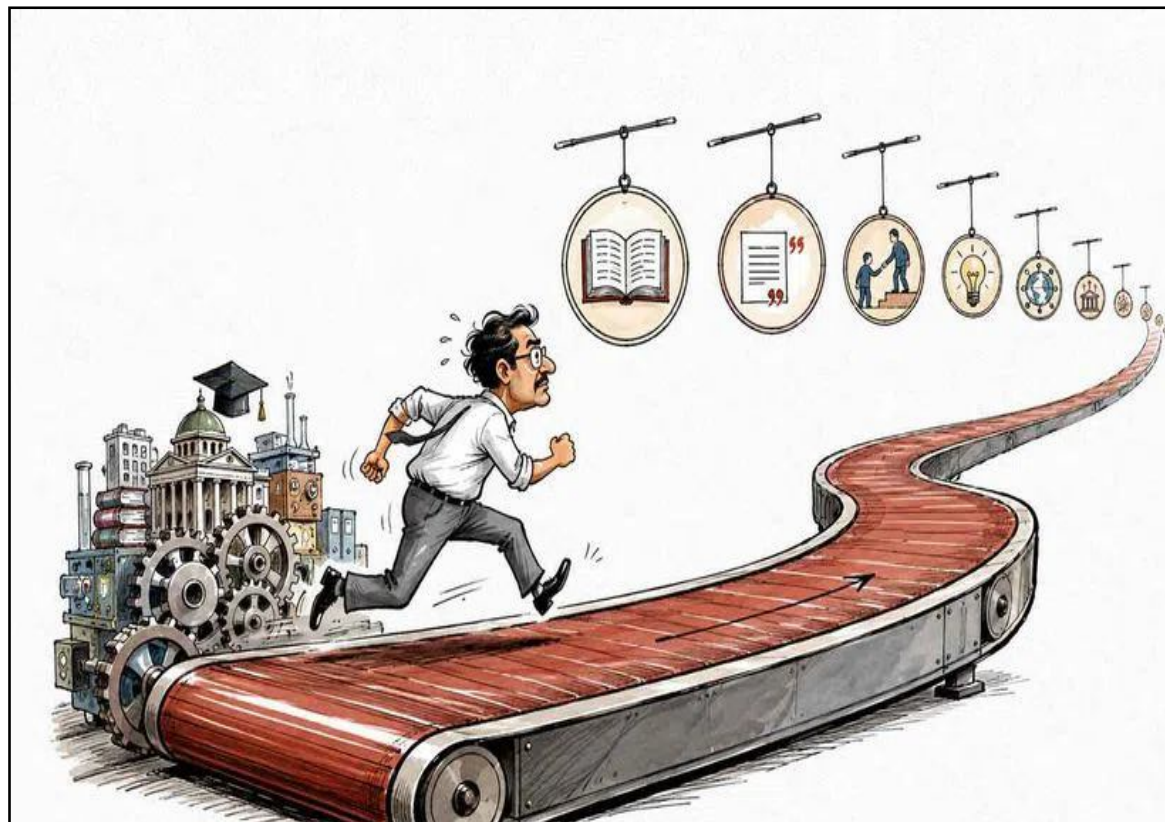
Pradhan's resignation letter itself sealed the pattern, casting the exit as protection against 'anti-national forces' rather than an answer to a governance failure. This shows how little those in government care about accountability.

Fourth, the timing was questioned: why protest now, why not before? The record answers plainly. Students also protested this in 2024, marching at Jantar Mantar under the slogan '24 lakh students want exam, not scam,' demanding the same minister's resignation and the scrapping of the NTA. JNU students were detained for trying to sit in overnight. The young have been asking this question for years. What changed is not their willingness to protest but the scale at which they could no longer be ignored. Resignation Does Little

A minister stepped down, and that matters. But a resignation is a person, not a repair. The examination system, ie, the NTA, remains a society beyond audit. The takedown machinery remains without written reasons or appeal. The families of students who died remain without redress. Accountability, in the end, was forcefully extracted from the system rather than being offered by the person responsible for the crisis that increased more in the last decade, who could not do their job in a democracy for good governance, and it was extracted at a cost, through weeks of pressure, an internet shutdown, lathi-charge, and police brutality.

Good governance in a democracy is not occasional. It is the standing obligation to answer to citizens and take responsibility for state failures. Three reforms would move us from the first to the second: grant the NTA statutory independence, require published audit trails for every paper from this shows how little those in government care about accountability setting to distribution, and mandate disclosure of leak inquiries. Past panels have never made their findings public. Every content-blocking order should be accompanied by written reasons, communicated to the affected user, and subject to appeal before an independent body outside the executive. In a democracy, the demand for accountability is that a nation does at least what it is supposed to do.

Academic confidence in changing times



In the academic world, success is supposed to make you feel better. People earn degrees, write papers, teach classes, and join groups, all of which demonstrate their competence and calibre. But even people who meet these standards still have a nagging doubt. A sense of not quite belonging, of not doing enough, of falling short in ways that are difficult to name. They grapple with thoughts of under-performance day and night. Rewind: Marketing Academic burnout, new standard of success This experience, often described as "imposter syndrome," is usually framed as an individual psychological condition. The suggested solution is well-known: have faith in yourself, trust your skills, and grow into the role. But this explanation, while comforting, is incomplete. What appears to be self-doubt may, in part, result from the institutional conditions under which academic work is produced and evaluated. In this way, self-doubt is not just an individual experience; it is also shaped by the environments in which academic life takes place.

Changing Institutions, Expanding Expectations To understand these changes, one needs to know what has been going on in higher education lately. The National Education Policy, 2020, is a major step in this discourse. It emphasises interdisciplinary learning, research, innovation, and global engagement, which create new opportunities for both institutions and faculty. But these changes also make people expect more. Faculty members are now expected to take on additional roles, including teachers, researchers, trainers, mentors, and contributors to the institution's growth. These are important and welcome developments. Yet, as the scope of academic work grows, so too do the frameworks through which it is understood and assessed. As higher education reforms expand the scope of academic roles, they also reshape how faculty understand their place within the institution.

The growing use of national academic platforms such as the VIDWAN database and the

(IRINS) is another sign of this changing landscape. These initiatives mark an important step towards enhancing the visibility of academic work, encouraging collaboration, and strengthening research ecosystems across institutions. By bringing together information on publications, affiliations, and scholarly contributions, they contribute to a more connected and transparent academic environment. Under NEP 2020, faculty roles now extend beyond teaching to support institutional growth, broadening academic responsibilities and reshaping how contributions are understood and evaluated. At the same time, they point to a wider shift in how academic work is seen and understood. As these platforms make academic work more visible, they also make it more readily recognised and evaluated. For many people, the feeling of "not doing enough" may not come from a lack of effort, but from the growing number of ways that contributions are recorded and evaluated. What appears as self-doubt at the individual level may, in part, reflect these broader changes in how academic work is organised and evaluated. Supportive Cultures Recognising these changes does not mean viewing them as problems. Instead, it makes us think more carefully about how institutions can keep both ambition and support. As institutions continue to adapt to NEP 2020, it is crucial to consider not only the outcomes but also the experiences of these changes. Academic self-perception does not evolve in isolation; it is shaped within cultures of mentorship, collegial exchange, and recognition. At the same time, academic paths are seldom uncomplicated. They may diverge. Some people get help more easily and have access to resources that others don't. Some develop through experience and mentorship. Not everyone starts out knowing the same things about academic norms, and that is perfectly normal. such settings, moments of uncertainty are not unusual; they are simply part of growing into one's role. A few reflections follow from this. First, what is often

called self-doubt may not be a personal flaw but rather a common experience in academic settings. Secondforms such as the VIDWAN database and the (IRINS) is another sign of this changing landscape. These initiatives mark an important step towards enhancing the visibility of academic work, encouraging collaboration, and strengthening research ecosystems across institutions. By bringing together information on publications, affiliations, and scholarly contributions, they contribute to a more connected and transparent academic environment. Under NEP 2020, faculty roles now extend beyond teaching to support institutional growth, broadening academic responsibilities and reshaping how contributions are understood and evaluated. At the same time, they point to a wider shift in how academic work is seen and understood. As these platforms make academic work more visible, they also make it more readily recognised and evaluated. For many people, the feeling of "not doing enough" may not come from a lack of effort, but from the growing number of ways that contributions are recorded and evaluated. What appears as self-doubt at the individual level may, in part, reflect these broader changes in how academic work is organised and evaluated. Supportive Cultures Recognising these changes does not mean viewing them as problems. Instead, it makes us think more carefully about how institutions can keep both ambition and support. As institutions continue to adapt to NEP 2020, it is crucial to consider not only the outcomes but also the experiences of these changes. Academic self-perception does not evolve in isolation; it is shaped within cultures of mentorship, collegial exchange, and recognition. At the same time, academic paths are seldom uncomplicated. They may diverge. Some people get help more easily and have access to resources that others don't. Some develop through experience and mentorship. Not everyone starts out knowing the same things about academic norms, and that is perfectly normal. such settings, moments of uncertainty are not unusual; they are simply part of growing into one's role. A few reflections follow from this. First, what is often

First, what is often it makes us think more carefully about how institutions can keep both ambition and support. As institutions continue to adapt to NEP 2020, it is crucial to consider not only the outcomes but also the experiences of these changes. Academic self-perception does not evolve in isolation; it is shaped within cultures of mentorship, collegial exchange, and recognition. At the same time, academic paths are seldom uncomplicated. They may diverge. Some people get help more easily and have access to resources that others don't. Some develop through experience and mentorship. Not everyone starts out knowing the same things about academic norms, and that is perfectly normal. such settings, moments of uncertainty are not unusual; they are simply , while broadening evaluation and visibility frameworks is useful, it may also alter perceptions and experiences of contributions. Third, improving academic settings may require a balanced focus on mentorship, dialogue, and collegiality alongside quantifiable results.

Recognising this can provide a fresh perspective on confidence in academia. Rather than viewing it as an inherent characteristic, it may be more beneficial to perceive it as a quality that develops in nurturing environments. When institutions make room for conversation and meaningful dialogue, promote working together rather than comparing, and value different ways of contributing, they help academics feel more connected to their work.

Confidence in academia is not solely an individual characteristic; it is cultivated in settings that encourage dialogue, respect diverse academic trajectories, and acknowledge various forms of contributions. Consequently, the advancement of academic cultures is inherently linked to improvements in academic outcomes. The calibre of teaching, research, and institutional engagement is closely related to individuals' perceptions of their roles within the system. Focusing on these less apparent aspects can sig-

Tejaswin Shankar Becomes First Indian To Win A Decathlon Medal



ndigarh: Seema Kaliramna (27) of Haryana has added a new feather in the cap of Indian athletics by winning the bronze medal in the women's discus throw at the 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG). After recovering from a foul on her opening attempt Seema secured third place with a best throw of 58.65 meters. A resident of Dhanod village, Seema earned praise for her composure and determination as she performed under pressure and produced her medal-winning throw on her third attempt. Seema's journey from a small village girl to a competitor at CWG 2026 is truly inspirational. After marrying Ravinder, a former national-level discus thrower, she feared her athletic career might be over. However, her determination, hard work, and strong family support fueled her come-

back. Becoming a mother in 2022, she resumed training shortly after the birth of her son, Rudra, becoming a role model for young athletes. Ravinder not only supported her but also coached her throughout. Alongside her sporting achievements, Seema is pursuing a PhD in Physical Education at Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani. Seema Kaliramna: From Village Grounds To Commonwealth Games 2026 Podium (Special arrangement) Before her Commonwealth success, Seema won gold at the National Inter-State Athletics Meet in Bhubaneswar with a throw of 59.73 meters and also claimed state-level gold medals in the heptathlon and triple jump. Speaking about her achievement, Seema

said she was delighted with her performance. She also praised the support from her family and coaches. "The Commonwealth Games medal means a lot to me. It will motivate me further," she said. Seema said she started playing sports as a child after watching others. As her skills improved, she continued competing and eventually reached the international stage. "The prizes I received for competing at the state level initially motivated me to take up the sport," she recalled while looking back on her journey. Soon after the announcement of the winners at CWG 2026, celebrations ensued in Dinod village and her native village Charkhi, where her family members, relatives and residents distributed sweets, especially laddus to mark the occasion. Sports lovers and her fans from the areas

lauded Seema's performance and achievement, wishing her success in future competitions. Crediting her success to years of dedication, her father-in-law, Bhup Singh said that Seema has made them proud and brought glory not only to our family but also to her village in Haryana, and the entire country. "This medal at the Commonwealth Games will inspire the youth of our village and the nation. Seema is a source of inspiration for children. She will receive a grand welcome upon her return home. Today, everyone in the village is saying, 'May we also have a daughter like Seema,'" he said.

Seema Kaliramna: From Village Grounds To Commonwealth Games 2026 Podium Celebrations at Seema Kaliramna's house after she wins Bronze medal

Waiting For Your Income Tax Refund? Experts Explain Why Refunds Are Taking Longer

: With more than 5.5 crore Income Tax Returns (ITRs) having been filed for Assessment Year 2026-27 ahead of the July 31 deadline, many taxpayers who submitted their returns weeks ago are still waiting for their refunds. While filing numbers have surged, refund processing has lagged, with only 2.33 crore returns processed so far. Experts attribute the delay to record ITR filings and enhanced verification checks. Tax experts say the delay is largely due to a record number of ITR filings this assessment year, coupled with the Income Tax Department's enhanced verification mechanisms. With additional validation and scrutiny checks now built into the processing system, refunds are taking longer to be cleared than in previous years. While the system has become more robust, the key question remains: when will the processing backlog ease and refunds begin reaching taxpayers at a faster pace? Reason behind Income Tax Refund delay Reason behind Income Tax Refund delay (ETV Bharat Graphics)

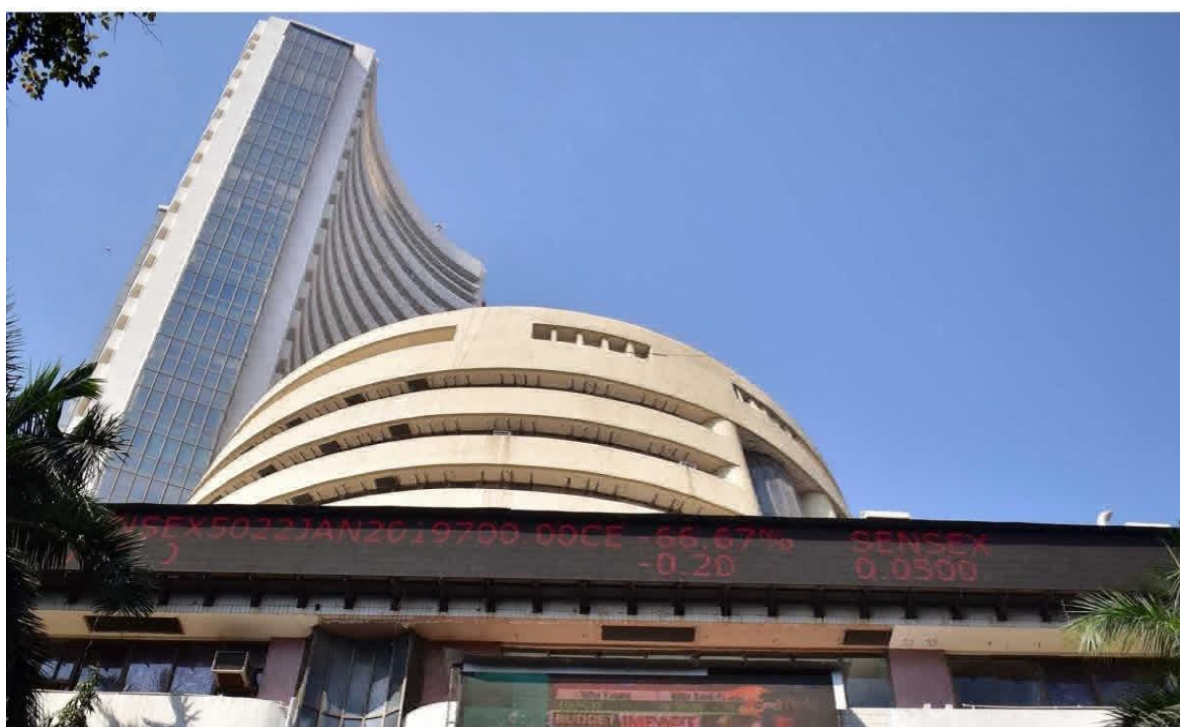


As of July 30, 2026, the Income Tax Department's e-filing portal has 14.13 crore registered individual users. For Assessment Year 2026-27, taxpayers have filed over 5.5 crore Income Tax Returns, of which 4.69 crore have been e-verified. Over 42 lakh ITRs were filed on July 30 itself. So far, the department has processed 2.33 crore ITRs, according to the latest data available on the portal. Earlier, the portal also displayed data on refunds issued, but that information is no longer available. Talking to ETV Bharat, tax expert Yogendra Kapoor said, "Income tax refunds are delayed for current filings for FY 25-26 despite robust

functioning of its portal, primarily due to massive processing backlogs from record-high return filings, stringent system if checks and balances in place to verify online filings data mismatches against information uploaded in Form 26AS/AIS/TIS of Assessee and unvalidated bank accounts." What Is A Tax Refund? According to the tax portal, an Income Tax refund is initiated by the Income Tax Department when the amount paid in taxes exceeds the actual tax liability. This may be through TDS, TCS, Advance Tax or Self-Assessment Tax. The final tax liability is calculated after taking into conwhen the amount paid in sideration all

deductions and exemptions during assessment by the Income Tax Department. The portal further states that refund processing starts only after the return is e-verified by the taxpayer. Usually, it takes 4-5 weeks for the refund to be credited to the taxpayer's account. However, if the refund is not received within this period, taxpayers should first check whether they have received any intimation regarding discrepancies in their ITR. They should also check their email for any communication from the Income Tax Department regarding the refund. The refund status can also be tracked on the e-filing portal by following the prescribed

Stock Markets Slide In Early Trade Tracking Weak Global Peers, Foreign Fund Outflows



Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty drifted lower in early deals on Thursday, tracking weak trends in global markets amid continuing uncertainty in West Asia and relentless foreign fund outflows. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 229.69 points to 74,139.32 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty dropped 66.30 points to 23,339. From the 30-Sensex firms, Trent, Infosys, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Tata Steel were among the biggest laggards. Eternal, Titan, Adani Ports and Tech Mahindra were among the gainers. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 5,616.56 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data. "In the near-term, headwinds are stronger for the market than tail-

winds. The continuing uncertainty in West Asia and the big and sustained FPI selling are the strong headwinds which are weighing on the market," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said. The bullish undertone of the booming markets in the US, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan suggests more FPI selling in India, he added. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 0.97 per cent lower at USD 96.86 per barrel. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index traded lower. US markets ended lower on Wednesday. "While the renewal of the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Lebanon has provided some relief to

regional risk sentiment, broader concerns remain unresolved. Continued hostilities between the United States and Iran, including reports of retaliatory Iranian actions following recent US strikes, have kept uncertainty elevated and limited any meaningful improvement in global risk appetite," Ponnudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth-tech firm, said. The absence of tangible progress towards a diplomatic resolution continues to leave markets highly sensitive to geopolitical headlines, particularly given the implications for energy prices and global trade flows, he added. On Wednesday, the Sensewinds. The continuing uncertainty in West Asia and the big and sustained FPI selling are the strong headwinds which are weighing on the mar-

ket," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said. The bullish undertone of the booming markets in the US, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan suggests more FPI selling in India, he added. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 0.97 per cent lower at USD 96.86 per barrel. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index traded lower. US markets ended lower on Wednesday. "While the renewal of the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Lebanon has provided some relief to x dropped 303.67 points, or 0.41 per cent, to settle at 74,346.17. The Nifty declined 77.95 points, or 0.33 per cent to end at 23,405.60.

Meet CWG Gold Medalist Sharmila Dhankhar From Haryana



Sharmila was born in Chhitrauli village of Mahendragarh district of Haryana. She is 39-years old. She got married in Rewari. At present she lives with her family in Suncity area of ??Rewari city. r legs was damaged due to polio in his childhood. But she didn't let it become her weakness. She started para athletics at the age of 34 and won several medals at national level in shot put as well as discus throw. There were many ups and downs in her medal with hard work. life. Her first marriage broke up at the age of 26. After this she got married a second time. Sharmila is the mother of two daughters. Her elder daughter Anuj is 17 years old and younger daughter Lakshmi is 13 years old. Both are state

level players whom she is constantly motivating and training to advance in the sport. Durin the 2018 Haryana Roadways employee strike, she got a job as the first woman conductor in the state, but she lost the job after the strike ended. Despite this, she did not give up and focused completely on the game. Sharmila got emotional after the win. After bagging the gold medal, she said, "I am very happy-ormance has brightened the name of the country and Haryanamedal with hard work. Her success will be a source of inspiration for the sportspersons of the state." "The state government is committed to provide all possible support to the sportspersons," she added. On the fifth day of the Commonwealth

Games, India bagged a total of six medals. Among them, Sharmila's gold medal was the biggest achievement. Apart from this, Dyaneshwari Yadav, Sarvesh Kushare and Valluree Ajay Babu won the silver medal, to win a medal for my country. I feel very proud and I will continue to make my country proud. It was my dream and also my mother's. I have won this gold medal with hard work. My mother will be very happy. I have won this medal for her. Now it is the turn of Asian Games and Olympics. This is my first medal. I medal with hard work. will win many more medals in the future." Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini congratulated Sharmila on her historic achievement. The Chief

Minister said, "Sharmila Dhankhar's brilliant performance has brightened the name of the country and Haryana. Her success will be a source of inspiration for the sportspersons of the state." "The state government is committed to provide all possible support to the sportspersons," she added. On the fifth day of the Commonwealth Games, India bagged a total of six medals. Among them, Sharmila's gold medal was the biggest achievement. Apart from this, Dyaneshwari Yadav, Sarvesh Kushare and Valluree Ajay Babu won the silver medal, while Bindyarani Devi and Shilpa K. Shayla won the bronze medal. With this, India's total number of medals increased to 10.



Haryanvi Song Barsaat Becomes Part Of Spider-Man Brand New Day's India Campaign; Know Who The Singers Are



A Haryanvi song has become part of the promotional campaign for Spider-Man: Brand New Day. Ahead of the film's release, Sony Pictures Entertainment India released a special promo featuring Barsaat, an emotional song by indie duo Banjaare. The track reflects Peter Parker's heartbreak after MJ no longer remembers him

following the events of Spider-Man: No Way Home. Why Barsaat Was Chosen The makers wanted a song that could match Peter Parker's emotional journey in the film. Barsaat captures tBanjaare. The song was ness, aBanjaare. The song was d separation, making it a perfect fit for the movie's India campaign. The promotional

video uses the song to highlight Peter's struggle after losing the person he loves. Meet The Singers Behind The Song Barsaat has been sung by cousins Sumit and Anuj from Bhiwani, Haryana, who perform as the indie music duo Banjaare. The song was released on their YouTube channel on July 9, 2026, in collabo-

ration with Sony Music. It has already crossed 2 million views and received more than 5,700 comments. Who Are Sumit And Anuj? Sumit was born on April 20, 1998, in Bhiwani. His father, Satyavan, is a Physical Training Instructor. He studied Mechanical Engineering at Ambala Polytechnic and later completed a B.Tech in Agriculture from Hisar Agricultural University. Apart from singing, he also composes music. Anuj was born on August 30, 2002. His father, Rajendra Singh, is a Junior Basic Training (JBT) teacher. He has an elder sister who has qualified for the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) examination. Anuj started singing at a young age and first performed on stage while he was in Class 3. Their Journey As Banjaare In 2024, Sumit started the Banjaare YouTube channel to release original songs. The duo went on to release tracks like Suits With Me, Different Talk, Aashiq Aawara, Mauj, Hai Re, and Bairan. The audio version of Bairan was released in January, followed by an animated music video in February. The song became a big success and reportedly topped the Billboard India chart. This brought the duo offers from the Haryanvi, Punjabi, and Bollywood music industries. Now, Sumit and Anuj have added another major milestone to their musical journey with Barsaat becoming part of the Spider-Man:



N. Sai Ram



Father & Mother



Grand Father & Grand Mother



Grand Father & Grand Mother



In Loving Memory



KADIYALA CHANDRA SHEKAR

Date of Birth: 29-07-1973 | Date of Death: 19-08-2025

 INVITED BY K. Mrunalitha	 CONTACT 9515119404	 VENUE Ravindra Nagar, Asif Nagar.	 DATE & TIME 02-08-2026 02:00 Pm
---	---	---	---

"Forever remembered, forever in our hearts."

10th-Day DEATH CEREMONY

02-08-2026



In Loving Memory of GILUKA RAJAMANI

Date OF Birth 07-05-1957	Date OF Death 29-07-2026
------------------------------------	------------------------------------

 INVITED BY Jyothi	 CONTACT 9490467832	 VENUE Gunfoundry Community Hall, Abides, Hyd- 50001	 DATE & TIME 02-08-2026 01:00 PM
--	---	--	---